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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND CUSTOMS PRECLEARANCE
STAFFS

1. CITING US-BAHAMIAN AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE PRECLEARANCE
OPERATIONS, TREASURY DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED UNDER SECRE-
TARIES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH 20 ADDITIONAL
CUSTOMS POSITIONS IN THE BAHAMAS. EXCERPT FROM LETTER
DATED JANUARY 4 FOLLOWS:

QTE: THE CUSTOMS SERVICE INTENDS TO ACCORD THE SAME TYPE
OF INSPECTIONS IN THE PRECLEARANCE OPERATIONS AS ARE USED
IN POST CLEARANCE. TO THIS END, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE PROPO-
SES TO CONCENTRATE ON HIGHER RISK OR POTENTIALLY HIGH RISK
PASSENGERS, WHILE ALLOWING LOW RISK PASSENGERS TO PROCEED
WITH A CURSORY INSPECTION. TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE THAT HAS
BEEN AGREED UPON WITH THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT AND TO PROVIDE
ADEQUATE SECURITY AND SUFFICIENT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR
THE NASSAU OPERATION, WE PROPOSE TO ADD 20 NEW POSITIONS.
WITHOUT THESE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, IT WOULD VERY LIKELY
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CAUSE AN UNNECESSARY WEAKNESS IN OUR ENFORCEMENT NETWORK FOR

THE PREVENTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND OTHER CONTRABAND FROM
ENTERING THE UNITED STATES. UNQTE

2. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OF CHIEF OF MISSION CONCERNING
THIS PROPOSAL, INCLUDING IMPACT, IF ANY ON MISSION ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. WHEN AND IF INCREASE IN

POSITIONS FINALLY APPROVED, WE REALIZE THAT TIMING OF
ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS PERSONNEL COULD BE INFLU-
ENCED BY PROGRESS ON PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT (NASSAU 200).
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